UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TAMARA FLEGAL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

FIRST SOURCE ADVANTAGE, LLC,

Defendant.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT and DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Tamara Flegal ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, Krohn & Moss, Ltd., for her Verified Complaint against Defendant, First Source Advantage, LLC, ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This action is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Winchester, Virginia.
- 3. Plaintiff is allegedly obligated to pay a debt and is a consumer as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 4. Defendant is a national company having its principal place of business located in Amherst, Erie County, New York.
- 5. Defendant is a debt collector as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.

6. Defendant acted though its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives and insurers.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy."
- 8. Because Defendant conducts business and is located in the state of New York, personal jurisdiction is established.
 - 9. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).

FACTUAL ALLIGATIONS

- 10. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff, approximately ten (10) times a week, seeking payment for an alleged debt.
- 11. Defendant continuously contacts Plaintiff at her place of employment, despite being told not to call Plaintiff at her place of employment.
- 12. Defendant communicated to third parties, Plaintiff's co-workers, that Plaintiff allegedly owes a debt.
- 13. Defendant threatened to file a lawsuit against Plaintiff if Plaintiff did not pay the alleged debt.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 14. Defendant's violations of the FDCPA include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Defendant violated $\S 1692c(a)(3)$ by repeatedly contacting Plaintiff at her place of employment even though Defendant knew that Plaintiff's employer prohibits the

- consumer from receiving such communications;
- b. Defendant violated §1692c(b) of the FDCPA by communicating with Plaintiff's co-workers in connection with the collection of Plaintiff's debt;
- c. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt;
- d. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff;
- e. Defendant violated §1692e(5) of the FDCPA by threatening to file a lawsuit against Plaintiff even though Defendant does not intend to do so; and
- f. Defendant violated $\S1692e(10)$ of the FDCPA by using deceptive means in an attempt to collect a debt by threatening to file a lawsuit against Plaintiff.
- 15. Plaintiff is entitled to her attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for the following:

- (1) Statutory damages of \$1000.00, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k
- (2) Reasonable attorneys' fees, costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- (3) Awarding such other and further relief as may be just, proper and equitable.

Dated: 9 - / - 10

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, Tamara Flegal hereby demands a jury trial in this matter.

<u>VERIFICATION</u>

(STATE OF VIRGINIA)

:ss.:

COUNTY OF FREDRICK)

Plaintiff, TAMARA FLEGAL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding;
- I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that
 all of the facts contained therein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and
 formed after reasonable inquiry;
- 3. I belief that this civil Complaint is well ground in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law;
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it;
- 6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys, which has/have been attached to this Complaint, is/are true and correct copy(s) of the original(s); and
- 7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated the exhibit(s), except that some of the attached may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, TAMARA FLEGAL, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 9.20.10

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